

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-16, 23-46 and 53-61 without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter and

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An image-reproducing apparatus for reproducing an image from a hologram or a holographic stereogram, which records either 2-dimensional image data or 3-dimensional image data,

wherein an optical member having parallel prisms on a part of a front surface is bonded at the rear surface to the hologram or holographic stereogram, and illumination light is applied to the parallel prisms, in order to reproduce a 2- or 3-dimensional image from the hologram or holographic stereogram,

wherein the optical member has a plurality of incidence surfaces on the parallel prisms, and the illumination light is applied at right angles to the incidence surfaces of the optical member ~~The image reproducing apparatus according to claim 16, and~~

wherein the illumination light is applied to the parallel prisms at a fixed incidence angle.

18. (original) The image-reproducing apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the optical member has a light-guiding section

for guiding the illumination light from the parallel prisms,
while reflecting the illumination light.

19. (original) The image-reproducing apparatus according to
claim 18, wherein the light-guiding section is tinted black at an
outer surface.

20. (original) The image-reproducing apparatus according to
claim 17, wherein the optical member has a part that is exposed
at the inner surface, said part lying behind the parallel prisms.

21. (original) The image-reproducing apparatus according to
claim 20, wherein the light-guiding section is tinted black at an
outer surface.

22. (original) The image-reproducing apparatus according to
claim 17, wherein the hologram or holographic stereogram and the
optical member bonded thereto are bent, forming a hollow
cylinder, the inner surface of which is defined by the front
surface of the optical member, and the illumination light is
applied to an inner surface of the hollow cylinder, thereby
reproducing a 2- or 3-dimensional image from the hologram or
holographic stereogram.

23-46. (canceled)

47. (currently amended) An image-reproducing method of for reproducing an image from a hologram or a holographic stereogram, which records either 2-dimensional image data or 3-dimensional image data,

wherein an optical member having parallel prisms on a part of a front surface is bonded at the rear surface to the hologram or holographic stereogram, and illumination light is applied to the parallel prisms, thereby reproducing a 2- or 3-dimensional image from the hologram or holographic stereogram,

wherein the optical member has a plurality of incidence surfaces on the parallel prisms, and the illumination light is applied at right angles to the incidence surfaces of the optical member ~~The image-reproducing method according to claim 46, and~~

wherein the illumination light is applied to the parallel prisms at a fixed incidence angle.

48. (original) The image-reproducing method according to claim 47, wherein the optical member has a light-guiding section for guiding the illumination light from the parallel prisms, while reflecting the illumination light.

49. (original) The image-reproducing method according to claim 48, wherein the light-guiding section is tinted black at an outer surface.

50. (original) The image-reproducing method according to claim 47, wherein the optical member has a part that is exposed at the inner surface, said part lying behind the parallel prisms.

51. (original) The image-reproducing method according to claim 50, wherein the light-guiding section is tinted black at an outer surface.

52. (original) The image-reproducing method according to claim 47, wherein the hologram or holographic stereogram and the optical member bonded thereto are bent, forming a hollow cylinder, the inner surface of which is defined by the front surface of the optical member, and the illumination light is applied to an inner surface of the hollow cylinder, thereby reproducing a 2- or 3-dimensional image from the hologram or holographic stereogram.

53-61. (canceled)